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(c) what arrangements are made by the Government to provide alternative employment to the remaining ex-toddy tappers; and

(d) whether the Government propose to give permission to the unemployed toddy tappers to sell neera (sweet toddy)?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" (a) There are 100 jaggery manufacturing co-operative societies in Guntur district, with a membership of 4,059 ex-tappers.

" (b) The average monthly income of a tapper member working in the societies ranged from Rs. 30 to Rs. 45 during the tapping season.

" (c) Three hundred and thirty-six ex-tappers were provided with alternative employment in the six tenants' societies and 13 milk supply co-operative societies organized for their benefit. The rest are engaged as agricultural or industrial labourers or employed as gang coolies in the Public Works Department.

" (d) There was no request from the ex-tappers of the district for the grant of the permission to sell neera for consumption as beverage."

Cherpalcheri-Kolapally road in Walluvanad, Malabar.

* 146 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Cherpalcheri-Kolapally road in Walluvanad, Malabar, has been included in the Post-War Reconstruction Scheme;

(b) when the Government propose to start the work; and

(c) what is the total estimate of the work?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The work will be taken up for execution by the District Board as soon as the works in progress in the district are completed.

" (c) Rupees thirty-five thousand (Rs. 35,000)."

Medical certificates for liquor permits.

* 147 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have passed an Order that medical certificates for liquor permits should be given by Government Stipendiary Civil Surgeons only; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the same?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. Only medical certificates given by Civil Surgeons attached to Government hospitals are accepted for the issue of the permits.

" (*b*) It is considered on the whole safer to do so, but the matter is under further consideration."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the Government have received any representation from the Honorary Doctors and Civil Surgeons' Association regarding this matter? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Yes, Sir, we have been asked to extend the function of giving certificates to honorary doctors also and that is why I said, the matter is under consideration."

Panchayat Board for Ravoth and Vavad amsoms.

* 148 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri M. K. Padmaprabha Gounder is not in his seat. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI M. K. PADMAPRABHA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a mass petition, dated the 29th September 1952, was submitted to the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards by the inhabitants of Ravoth and Vavad villages in Kozhikode taluk, Malabar district, requesting the Government to constitute a panchayat board for the two amsoms of Ravoth and Vavad together; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken on the same?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) It was found on detailed examination of the proposal that it was not feasible of acceptance, as it resulted in the creation of two uneconomic units. The Koduvally panchayat in which these villages are now comprised will therefore be reconstituted with its existing jurisdiction."

Taking over of the Parlakimedi Estate.

* 149 *Q.*—SRI L. LAKSHMANA DAS : Will the Hon. the **Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state when the Parlakimedi Estate in Pathapatnam taluk will be taken over by the Government?**

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Parlakimedi estate in Srikakulam district is covered by a stay order of the High Court of Judicature at Madras. The estate will be taken over after the stay granted by the High Court is vacated."